



2015

Soil and Water Conservation Week Report

Sunday, April 26-Sunday, May 3

- *Promotional ideas provided to Districts and partners from CDI, & IDALS-DSC
- *Bookmarks, Litanies & Placemats provided to 27 Districts at Spring Regional Commissioner Meetings
- *Soil and Water Conservation Week Proclamation signing and event with Governor, April 22nd (Earth Day) in Plymouth County on Bob Puetz's Farm in the Deep Creek WQI Project Watershed
- *On April 30th, House Resolution 31 was passed, recognizing the importance of soils to Iowa's future prosperity and healthy environment
- *CDI did Facebook posts on pollinators each day of the week
- * IDALS did Facebook posts and tweets
- *45 District outreach activities and 7 partner outreach activities were reported surrounding the week vs 24 District outreach activities in 2014
- *There was a Des Moines area stream clean up along the Jordan Creek Trail in West Des Moines, an Urban/Agriculture Conservation Tour hosted by the Calhoun County SWCD attended by Secretary Northey, a Pollinator Lunch and Learn at the DSM Zoo and a visit from the 2015 American Honey Queen to students
- *Other activities included pollinator workshops and presentations; soil health trailer, conservation station and rainfall simulator on display; tree plantings with youth; local proclamation signings; volunteer workdays and cleanups; open houses; urban conservation practice demonstrations; and art projects and displays
- *Images of Soil and Water Conservation Week at www.flickr.com/photos/iowaagriculture/sets



From left to right: proclamation signing, Des Moines area clean up, Washington Co. students with trees, Honey Queen presents to Clarke Co. students, Warren Co. window display and Sioux Co. posters contest participants

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